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Washington D.C. – This Wednesday, the House of Representatives will consider a resolution, H.Res. 1115, introduced by Congressman Hunter honoring the life and memory of Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Agent Enrique “Kiki” Camarena on the 25th anniversary of his death.

Agent Camarena was first assigned to the Calexico, California, field office, then later to the Guadalajara resident office. While there, agent Camarena was kidnapped by a group of armed men, tortured and killed.

“Kiki Camarena is a national hero of the war on drugs,” said Congressman Hunter. “Throughout his career, agent Camarena demonstrated an unrelenting commitment to protect our communities from the threat of drug crime and addiction. Twenty-five years after his death, agent Camarena’s memory lives on through a nationally recognized drug prevention program while his sacrifice reminds us all about the dangers associated with the illegal drug trade.

“As drug cartels and criminal organizations south of the border strengthen their efforts, we must do the same. Agent Camarena dedicated his life to keeping drugs off our streets, a mission that is as dangerous today as it was 25 years ago when agent Camarena was killed in the line of duty. Still, his legacy prominently symbolizes our commitment to fighting illegal drugs and serves to influence millions of others by encouraging healthy, productive and drug-free lifestyles.”